

**FORT DETRICK
ALL SERVICES
RETIREE COUNCIL
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REPORT TO RETIREES

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The purpose of the newsletter is to apprise retired Soldiers and their families of the services and activities available to them on post and within the installation's area of responsibility. This newsletter is published in accordance with AR 600-8-7, paragraph 6-2 a.

The Council meets on the second Monday of each month at 1900 and we need to hear from the retiree community. Come to our meetings in Bldg. 1520 Community Support Center on Freedman Drive (*beyond the Education and Training Center at the Commissary. NOTE: There is no entry through the Education and Training Center.*) or call one of the council members with your ideas, concerns, comments, or questions at (301) 619-3340. A list of the Council members follows:

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ANNUAL RETIREE APPRECIATION DAY, OCTOBER 5, 2005**

Post It!

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 DEERS.....1-800-538-9552
 DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS1-800-827-1000
 RETIRED PAY (DFAS-CLEVELAND).....VOICE: 1-800-321-1080
FAX: 1-800-469-6559

THE 11TH ANNUAL RETIREE APPRECIATION DAY TO BE CONDUCTED ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2005.

The Fort Detrick Garrison and its All Services Retiree Council cordially invite all military retirees, families and friends to the 11th Annual Retiree Appreciation Day, Wednesday, October 5, 2005 from 0900 to 1500 at Fort Detrick, Maryland. The celebration kicks off with opening ceremonies in Strough Auditorium (Bldg 611) with the National Anthem, an celebration kicks off with opening ceremonies in Strough Auditorium (Bldg 611) with the National Anthem, an invocation and greeting by Retiree council Chairman, LTC John P. Hess, (USA-Ret), and introduction of Council Members.

BG Erick B. Schoomaker, Commanding General of the U.S. Army Medical Research and Materiel Command and Fort Detrick; and Garrison Commander and Deputy Installation Commander, COL Mary R. Deutsch will offer welcoming remarks. An update on construction on the post to include a new Commissary will be provided.

Lunch will be served in the Community; Activities Center – see enclosed luncheon reservation form. Following lunch you will be invited to the CPT Jennifer Shafer-Odom Fitness Center to view a variety of displays provided by numerous organizations at Fort Detrick. In addition you will have the opportunity to renew your ID card, make an appointment with legal assistance personnel, and have your blood pressure screened.

Guest Speakers!

MG William M. Matz, Jr. (USA-Ret)

MG William M. Matz, Jr. (USA-Ret) is President of the National Association for Uniformed Services. He will provide an update of legislation of interest to military retirees.

Dr. Sandra L. Kweder.

Dr. Sandra L. Kweder is a Captain in the U.S.

Public Health Service. She is assigned to the Food and Drug Administration. She will discuss roles and mission of that organization.

Ms. Felisa Reaves

Ms. Michele Banks-Gainer

Ms. Reaves is a TRICARE community representative located in the Barquist Army Health Clinic at Fort Detrick.

Ms. Banks-Gainer is a TRICARE dental representative located in Virginia Beach, VA. They will provide current information about their respective programs.



FORT DETRICK WELCOMES A NEW COMMANDING GENERAL

Brigadier General Eric B. Schoomaker was born into an Army family in Detroit Michigan. In 1970 he graduated from the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, was commissioned a Second Lieutenant as a Distinguished Military Graduate and awarded a Bachelor of Science degree. He received his medical degree from the University of Michigan Medical School in 1975, and in 1979, he completed his Ph.D. in Human Genetics.

He completed his internship and residency in Internal Medicine at Duke University Medical Center in Durham, North Carolina, from 1976 to 1978, followed by a fellowship in Hematology at Duke University Medical Center in 1979. He is certified by the American Board of Internal

Medicine in both Internal Medicine and Hematology. His military education includes completion of the Combat Care Casualty Course, the Medical Management of Chemical Casualty Care Course, the AMEDD Officer Advanced Course, Command and General Staff College, and the U.S. Army War College.

General Schoomaker has held a wide variety of assignments. From 1979 until 1982, he was a research hematologist at Walter Reed Army Institute of Research. He served as Assistant Chief and Program Director, Department of Medicine, Walter Reed Army Medical Center, 1982-1988; Medical Consultant to Headquarters, 7th Medical Command, Heidelberg, Germany, 1988-1990; Deputy Commander for Clinical Services, Landstuhl Army Regional Medical Center, Landstuhl, Germany, 1990-1992; as the Chief and Program Director, Department of Medicine and Director of Primary Care, Madigan Army Medical Center, Tacoma, WA, 1992-1995; Director of Medical Education for the Office of The Surgeon General/HQ USAMEDCOM conducting a split operation between Washington, DC, and Fort Sam Houston, TX, 1995-1997; and Director of Clinical Operations at the HQ USAMEDCOM, February 1997 to July 1997. From July 1997 to July 1999, he commanded the USAMEDDAC (Evans Army Community Hospital) at Fort Carson, CO. He attended the U.S. Army War College in Carlisle Barracks, PA, from 1999 to 2000 followed by an assignment as the Command Surgeon for the U.S. Army Forces Command (FORSCOM) from July 2000 to March 2001, and Commander of the 30th Medical Brigade headquartered in Heidelberg, Germany. Prior to his assignment as Commanding General at the U.S. Army Medical Research and Materiel Command & Fort Detrick, he was Commander of the Southeast Regional Medical Command and Dwight David Eisenhower Army Medical Center.

In August 2002, The Army Surgeon General appointed General Schoomaker to the position of Chief of the Army Medical Corps. His awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit with four oak leaf clusters, the Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters, the Joint Service Commendation Medal, the Army Achievement Medal and the Humanitarian Service

Medal. He has been honored with the Order of Military Medical Merit and the "A" Professional Designator and holds the Expert Field Medical Badge.

General Schoomaker is married and has three children.



U.S. ARMY GARRISON HAS NEW COMMANDER

Colonel Mary R. Deutsch becomes the 37th Commander of U.S. Army Garrison, and Deputy Installation Commander, Fort Detrick. Her previous assignment was as the Chief of Staff for the U.S. Army Medical Research and Materiel Command at Fort Detrick.

A native of the Washington, D.C. area, she graduated from the Pennsylvania State University, State College, PA with a Bachelor of Science degree in March 1978 and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the Medical Service Corp. She received a Master of Science degree in management from Frostburg State College, Frostburg, MD in 1981.

Colonel Deutsch has served in a variety of command and staff positions including the Deputy for Materiel at the U.S. Army Medical Research and Materiel Command. She was the Commander of the 32nd Medical Logistics Battalion (Airborne) at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. Some of her other assignments include the Logistics Officer for the Command Surgeon of the U.S. Army, Europe; the

Executive Officer of the 56th Evacuation Battalion, Fort Bragg; the Materiel Officer at Tripler Army Medical Center, Hawaii; and the Adjutant for the U.S. Army Medical Materiel Agency at Fort Detrick, Maryland. Colonel Deutsch served as a U.S. Army War College Fellow with the Department of Health and Human Services from 2002-2003.

Her previous military education includes Command and General Staff College, the NATO Officers Course, the Director of Logistics Course, the Combat Casualty Care Course, the Combined Arms Staff and Service School, the Master Fitness Trainer Course, the Medical Materiel Management Course, the Army Medical Department Officer Basic and Advance Course. She is Level 2 certified in Program Management by the Defense Acquisition University.

Her awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, the Meritorious Service Medal (6th award), the Army Commendation Medal (2nd award), the Army Achievement Medal (3rd award), and the Overseas Service Ribbon (2 tours). She has earned the Expert Field Medical Badge, the Parachutist Badge and the Air Assault Badge. She has been inducted into the Army Medical Department Order of Military Medical Merit.

Her husband, Lieutenant Colonel Berthony Ladouceur, is the Commander of the 1 st US Army Medical Recruiting Battalion, Fort Meade, MD. They have one daughter, Lauren Nicole (age 8).



New Commissary Project

The Defense Commissary Agency (DeCA) is pleased to announce the award of a construction contract for the new commissary project at Fort Detrick, Maryland. The contract for this project was awarded on August 15, 2005 to Nelson Refrigeration. The award was based on an evaluation of numerous offerors with the successful contractor determined to provide the best value to

the Government. The Air Education and Training Command (AETC) will administer this construction contract with technical support from DeCA's Design and Construction Division, Directorate of Facilities.

The facility will provide a sales area, administrative area, produce department, meat department, dairy department, frozen food area, deli/bakery, operational support areas, and staging/receiving spaces based on current DeCA design standards. Force Protection measures and accommodations for the physically challenged have been applied to the design of the facility. The new DeCA Image Decor package has been implemented throughout the interior of the store. The overall design solution of the store is consistent with local architecture within the Installation. The proposed size of this commissary store is approximately 34,000 square feet.

The DeCA Engineering Business Unit would like to thank everyone involved in supporting the award on this important project. (DeCA/CIEDA/Jerry Trevino, RA.)



Case Lot Sale

The next case lot sale at the Fort Detrick Commissary is on Thursday and Friday, 22 and 23 September 2005. The store will be open from 1000-1900 on Thursday and 1000-1800 on Friday.



9th Annual Fall Fest

The 9th Annual Fall Fest will be held on Saturday, 24 September 2005, from 1600-2000 at the Youth Services Area, Building 949. Rides, Food, Fall Crafts, and more.

ARMY EMERGENCY RELIEF CAMPAIGN (AER)

This year's total for the annual AER fundraising campaign came to \$27,000. Fort Detrick exceed their goal by \$7,000! The goal for this year was \$20,000.

Hats off to our military retirees for providing the second largest group contribution. The contribution from the retirees came to \$4,755.

Some examples of how you have helped our service members and retirees with financial emergencies are: a soldier was on his way home from visiting his mother in the mid-Pennsylvania area back to his duty assignment at Fort Bragg when his vehicle broke down. He was directed to the Fort Detrick AER office located in Army Community Service by the local Red Cross where he was provided an interest free loan to repair his vehicle and head back to his duty assignment. More recently, a retiree contacted this office stating that her vehicle is about to be repossessed. She explained that due to health reasons, she lost her job and was now four months behind on her car payment. The office was able to negotiate with the finance company to not turn her loan over to collections and to hold off repossessing her vehicle. This retiree was provided an interest free loan that caught her up with her back payments. The retiree

stated that she did just get a job and will be easily able to pay off the AER loan.

AER is here for you. A reminder that military retirees who receive their retirement pay from DFAS are eligible for these interest free loans. AER accepts donations year round. If you wish to make a donation, the funds can be sent to: AER/ Financial Readiness, Rm 122 1520 Freedman Drive,

Fort Detrick, MD 21702. Checks can be made out to "AER".

We could not have accomplished our goal and gone above and beyond, without the donations from the generous retirees in the tri-state area. The AER staff and the Fort Detrick Community wish to thank you. The donations keep alive the AER logo, "The Army Taking Care of Its Own". For more information or to make comments, please feel free to contact the Fort Detrick AER office at 301-619-3455.

Retirees to receive monthly, electronic CRSC statements

ARLINGTON, VA -- The Defense and Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS) has started monthly, electronic delivery of Combat Related Special Compensation (CRSC) account statements via the online pay account site, myPay, at <https://mypay.dfas.mil>. The CRSC monthly statement will contain information concerning only the continuing monthly payment. Details about retroactive payments will be available through myPay by the end of the year.

The CRSC account statements include disability ratings, unemployability, Purple Heart indicators, and other entitlement data. While retirees may continue to call the Retired and Annuitant Contact Center at 1-800-321-1080, it is hoped that the statement will answer questions regarding the computation of the CRSC payment.

All retirees and annuitants can get pay information online

While myPay at <https://mypay.dfas.mil> has recently added CRSC information, it continues to be a source of pay information for all retirees and

annuitants. The Web-based system delivers personal pay information and provides the ability to process pay-related transactions timely, safely and securely for all its members. The online system eliminates the risks associated with hard copy documents by allowing members to access their electronic 1099Rs, Retiree Account Statement (RAS) and other financial information. myPay security matches existing private industry standards with the highest level of encryption and security designed to prevent member information from being accessed by others on the Internet.

If you don't have a myPay account, call DFAS at 1-800-390-2348 to get a Personal Identification Number (PIN) to access your myPay account on the Web. If you already have a myPay PIN, but have forgotten your number, please dial the same number to get your PIN reissued.

Supporting the Troops

Help the Army salute Soldiers, veterans and those who support the Army

The Army has started a new program -- "Freedom Team Salute" -- to honor those who support our Soldiers and to honor all Army veterans. The program is free to anyone serving in the Army, Army National Guard or Army Reserve, and all veterans who served and received an honorable discharge.

Active duty, and serving Guard and Reserve Soldiers can nominate their parents, spouses, and employers to receive a Freedom Team Salute Commendation package. All veterans may also register.

Nominating someone for a "Freedom Team Salute" is easy. Soldiers can simply visit the Web site at <http://freedomteamsalute.army.mil> and enter the names and addresses of the people who support them. The people nominated will receive a Freedom Salute Commendation package, including an official Army lapel pin, a U.S. Army decal and a letter/certificate of thanks signed by the Secretary of the Army and the Chief of Staff of the Army (CSA).

Veterans can log onto the Web site and simply enter their names and addresses.

Waiving TRICARE deductibles and cost shares is illegal

Beneficiaries who use TRICARE Standard and Extra are responsible, under law, to pay annual deductibles and cost-shares associated with their care. The law prohibits health care providers from waiving TRICARE beneficiary deductibles or cost-shares and requires providers to make reasonable efforts to collect these amounts.

Health care providers who offer to waive deductibles and cost-shares or who advertise that they will do so may be investigated for program abuse and suspended or excluded as authorized providers.

According to Rose M. Sabo, Director, TRICARE Program Integrity, TRICARE Management Activity, "TRICARE prohibits any scheme designed to waive a patient's deductible or cost-share.

"One type of scheme comes in the form of a supplemental insurance program which covers copayments or deductibles only for items or services provided by the entity offering the insurance. These programs can be identified when the 'insurance premium' paid by the beneficiary is insignificant and the premiums so low that they are not based upon actuarial risks, but instead are a sham used to disguise the routine waiver of copayments and deductibles. Such a scam can result in excessive utilization of items and services," Sabo said.

When Congress established beneficiary deductibles and cost-shares, their intent was to make the beneficiary a financial partner with the government. The cost-share encourages responsible beneficiary health care decisions when faced with choices, and acts to avoid waste of taxpayer dollars. Beneficiaries who have a financial risk associated with their health care decisions are more likely to

choose cost-effective treatment for their medical conditions.

Beneficiaries should contact their local TRICARE Service Center for more information on deductibles and cost-shares. A list of TRICARE Service Centers and telephone numbers is located at <http://www.tricare.osd.mil/tricare-servicecenters/default.cfm> . If beneficiaries suspect provider or insurance fraud, they may report it by e-mailing fraudline@tma.osd.mil .

DoD study finds link between Agent Orange and Diabetes

DoD has released the latest report of the Air Force Health Study on the health effects of exposure to herbicides in Vietnam, which includes the strongest evidence to date that Agent Orange is associated with adult-onset diabetes. This supports the findings from earlier reports in 1992 and 1997.

The Air Force Health Study summarizes the results of the 2002 physical examination of 1,951 veterans, which is the final examination of the 20-year epidemiological study.

The Ranch Hand Study was named after the operation responsible for spraying herbicides in Vietnam between 1962 and 1971 to deny cover and destroy crops of the North Vietnamese Army.

The report, along with many other studies on herbicide and dioxin exposure, will be reviewed by the National Academy of Sciences. Based upon this review, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs can ask Congress for legislation on disability compensation and health care.

The report is available on the Air Force Health Study Web site at: <http://www.brooks.af.mil/AFRL/HED/hedb/default.html> .

Legislative update

Would you like to know what Congress is considering that could affect military retirees and spouses? Following is information on proposed

legislation and proposed programs. If any of these bills become law or policy, we will also report on that. Note: One great source of information on proposed and passed legislation is THOMAS, a service of the Library of Congress <http://thomas.loc.gov/>.

Proposed legislation that could affect you

(Note: These bills are being considered by Congress. They have not been passed.)

SBP HR 808, S 185 would end the offset of the SBP annuity by the VA's Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC) which affects those surviving spouses who are eligible for both

HR 968, S 185 would move ahead the effective date of the "paid up" provision of SBP from Oct. 1, 2008 to Oct. 1, 2005 for retirees who have been paying premiums for at least 30 years.

Health care HR 602, S 407 would allow military retirees to enroll in the Federal Employee Health Benefits Plan (FEHBP) and would waive Medicare Part B premiums for retirees whose service began before Dec. 7, 1956.

HR 836 would change the TRICARE reimbursement rates and cost sharing requirements to be the same as or as similar as possible to the Blue Cross/Blue Shield Standard Plan rates under FEHBP.

HR 515 would establish a VA budgeting formula to assure full health care funding.

S 484 would make health care premiums for retirees tax-free.

CRSC HR 995 would make those who were retired with fewer than 20 years of active service but who were awarded the Purple Heart eligible for Combat-Related Special Compensation (CRSC).

HR 1366 would change service-eligibility criteria for CRSC to include those retired for disability (without sufficient length of service).

FORT DETRICK 11TH ANNUAL RETIREE APPRECIATION DAY LUNCHEON

1200 Noon, Wednesday, October, 5, 2005
Community Activities Center (Building 718 Porter Street)

MENU

Roast Beef, Honey Dijon Chicken Breast, Parsley Buttered Potatoes, Parmesan Egg Noodles, California Blend (Broccoli, Cauliflower, and Carrots), Green Beans Au Gratin, Apple Pie Salad, Rolls with butter, coffee, iced tea, and water are included.

Reservation Request

-----CLIP AND MAIL-----

Yes, I will attend the 11th Annual Retiree Appreciation Day Luncheon at the Community Activities Center on October 5, 2005. Please make _____ reservation(s) in my name. I enclose my check or money order made payable to IMWRF in the amount of \$_____ (\$10.00 per person).

**Reservations must be received No Later Than Monday,
September 26, 2005**

Name _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (in case of cancellation) _____

Mail reservations to:

DCSP
ATTN: MCHD-CSM (Retiree Council)
1520 Freedman Dr., Suite 300
Fort Detrick, MD 21702-5016

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PRIVACY ACT OF 1974-

Auth.Sec.3012, Title 10, United States Code. **PURPOSE OF THIS FORM:** To maintain current mailing address which will be used when mailing newsletters and other notices to military retiree or widow(er).

LAST NAME: _____ **FIRST NAME:** _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ **STATE:** _____ **ZIP:** _____

SIGNATURE: _____ **DATE:** _____

Check block, which shows your status

Retiree ☐ Widow(er) ☐ Reserve retiree not yet 60 ☐

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